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Enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement are references cited by Applicants and/or the Office in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/997,822, filed November 30, 2001, which is a divisional of the present application. One of the patents enclosed herewith is U.S. Patent No. 6,099,734 which names the inventors of the present invention and others as inventors of record. The '734 patent is assigned to the Assignee of the present application and the Cerus Corporation of Concord, California. It has the same filing date and shares a common disclosure with the present application.

The '734 patent was previously called to the attention of the Examiner in the present application (see the Amendment of August 15, 2000), but not formally cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants now request that this patent and the other patents included herewith be made of record in this application.

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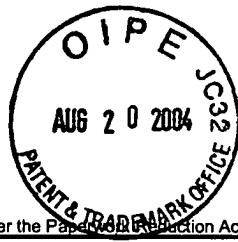
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